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SUBJECT: REPLY TO FORMER MOD KRUISINGA ON ENHANCED
RADIATION WEAPONS

REFS: THE HAGUE 1922; THE HAGUE 1351

1. TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO FORMER MOD KRUISINGA SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE LEVEL AT EMBASSY.
2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. KRUISINGA: I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPLY TO YOUR RECENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER REGARDING ENHANCED RADIATION - REDUCED BLAST WEAPONS.

-- AS THE PRESIDENT POINTED OUT, THE ULTIMATE DECISION
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ON THE WEAPONS WILL BE MADE LATER AND WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE DEGREE OF SOVIET RESTRAINT IN ITS CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR ARMS PROGRAMS AND FORCE DEPLOYMENTS AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE.

-- I HOPE YOU WOULD AGREE THAT THE ALLIANCE MUST DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY

AND THE FORWARD DEFENSE OF EUROPE. SINCERELY.

ENCLOSURE: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT OF APRIL 7, 1978.

END TEXT

3. ENCLOSURE:

BEGIN QTE: APRIL 7, 1978, THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS

-- I HAVE DECIDED TO DEFER PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS WITH ENHANCED RADIATION EFFECTS. THE ULTIMATE DECISION REGARDING THE INCORPORATION OF ENHANCED RADIATION FEATURES INTO OUR MODERNIZED BATTLEFIELD WEAPONS WILL BE MADE LATER, AND WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE SOVIET UNION SHOWS RESTRAINT IN ITS CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR ARMS PROGRAMS AND FORCE DEPLOYMENTS AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE.

-- ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE ORDERED THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE MODERNIZATION OF THE LANCE MISSILE NUCLEAR WARHEAD AND THE 8-INCH WEAPON SYSTEM, LEAVING OPEN THE OPTION OF INSTALLING THE ENHANCED RADIATION ELEMENTS.

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-- THE UNITED STATES IS CONSULTING WITH ITS PARTNERS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE ON THIS DECISION, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS WITH THEM APPROPRIATE ARMS CONTROL MEASURES TO BE PURSUED WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH OUR ALLIES TO MODERNIZE AND STRENGTHEN OUR MILITARY CAPABILITIES, BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR. WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO WHATSOEVER IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND THE FORWARD DEFENSE OF EUROPE. UNQTE.

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